

Sinclair Broadcast Group's push to air "Stolen Honor: Wounds That Never Heal", a documentary intimating that Senator Kerry's 1971 Vietnam testimony caused distress to American POWs, during prime-time hours two weeks before national elections is an unfair use of corporate power via the media to influence public opinion. This action is against the public interest. If Sinclair follows through with its intent to air this biased documentary prior to the election, they should be held accountable and denied renewal of their broadcasting license.

Furthermore, to avoid such irresponsible actions in the future, the FCC should reinstate the Fairness Doctrine and the behavior rules that required broadcasters to demonstrate their commitment to the public interest, and return the license renewal period to three years.

The FCC needs to act in the public interest to ensure that a small group of people do not have undue control over the dissemination of information in our country. While cable and digital television and the internet have greatly increased access to alternate information sources, there still remain a great number of US citizens that rely on a small number of local network stations for news and public information. The monopoly on media ownership must be combatted. I urge you to lower the caps and return the ownership rules to levels prior to 1980.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you require further statements, please contact me at cbrinkman@nyc.rr.com or 137 Ave C #6, NYC, NY 10009

Best Regards,
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